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L. I. YATES, TREASURER.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :

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DR. J. F. HARRELL,
W. C. POWELL,
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PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

PINEY FOREST, Columbus County N. C.,
Friday, July 23d, 1875.

According to adjournment, the Convention met at 11 o'clock.

Introductory sermon by Rev. Hanyes Lennon, from 78th Psalm, 5th to 8th verse, inclusive.

After recess, Convention called to order by President W. C. Powell.

President being unwell, called Brother T. S. Memory to the chair.

On motion, list of Officers and Schools were called. Quorum being present, letters were read and delegates enrolled.

On motion, an invitation extended to all Sunday Schools and Sunday School workers.

On motion, Convention went into an election of Officers, resulting in re-election of former Officers, viz:

W. C. POWELL, President,
J. C. CARROLL, Vice-President,
W. A. MEMORY, Secretary,
J. F. CARROLL, Ass't Secretary,
L. I. YATES, Treasurer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Reports of Committees, appointed at last Convention to report upon various subjects, called for.

1st. The best means of promoting the growth and improving the condition of subordinate Sunday Schools, reported upon by Rev. H. Lennon. On motion, report received and adopted, and ordered to be appended to the minutes.

2d. The best method of reaching our subordinate Sunday Schools by agencies, reported upon by Dr. J. F. Harrell. On motion, report received and adopted.

3d. The importance of the Ministry of the Cape Fear Association heartily co-operating with our Sunday School workers, reported upon by Rev. A. R. Pittman, J. D. Clark, and J. F. McMillan. On motion, report received and adopted.

4th. How can the work of Missions and that of Sunday Schools best sustain each other, reported upon by Rev. J. W. Dickson. On motion, report received and adopted, and ordered to be appended to minutes.

5th. What future benefit should we expect from a correct statistical report or history of the present Church and Sunday School, reported upon by Rev. D. K. Bennett. Report received and adopted, and ordered to be appended to minutes.

On motion, a Committee of five appointed on Constitutional Reform and Amendments, viz: Rev. H. Lennon, Dr. J. F. Harrell, E. W. Wooten, W. C. Powell and W. A. Memory.

On motion, Secretaries instructed to prepare a digest of letters.

Convention adjourned with singing and prayer, until 9½ o'clock Saturday morning.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9½ o'clock.

Convention met according to adjournment—President W. C. Powell in the chair.

Singing and prayer.

On motion, a Committee appointed on Public Exercises for to-morrow, consisting of L. I. Yates, W. H. Vann, Jno. Frink and J. B. Shaw.

On motion, report of Committee on Constitutional Reform and Amendments called for. On motion, report was received and adopted, Committee discharged, and report ordered to be appended to minutes.

Included in the report was the following amendment to Constitution, which was adopted, viz:

"Each Sunday School shall delegate annually seven (7) members of their body, two from among the officers and five from among the pupils, to meet in said Convention at such time and place as shall be designated by any regular session of its body; and these delegates shall present certificates of their appointment, giving their entire statistics and the condition of their Schools."

Committee on Public Exercises reported. Report received and adopted.

On motion, time and place of next session was taken up, resulting as follows: Place—Ashpole, Robeson County, N. C. Time—Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1876.

Introductory sermon by J. W. Dickson; C. L. Powell, alternate.

Address on Sunday morning by W. C. Powell; Rufus Foard, alternate.

On motion, Rev. H. Lennon and Dr. J. F. Harrell, in connection with Officers of Convention, appointed an Executive Committee, to whom was referred all unfinished business of the Convention.

Adjourned with singing and prayer.

W. C. POWELL, President.

W. A. MEMORY, Secretary.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

THE BEST MEANS OF PROMOTING THE GROWTH AND IMPROVEMENT OF SUBORDINATE AND LOCAL SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The organization of the Sunday School is a work of the noblest magnitude. To give it proper direction requires the correctly understanding the sacred Scriptures, so as to impart Divine truth under the special guidance of the Holy Spirit profitably to the student.

Three vital facts are presented for consideration: First, the growth. Second, the improvement. Third, the best means for their promotion.

1. Growth, applied to the Sunday School enterprise, implies the vitalizing, enlarging and prolonging the life-sustaining power of this holy institution. First—To insure a living principle, the officers and teachers must be possessed

of the requisite qualifications of competency, punctuality, adaptedness to instruct, to please, and to enamor the pupils with this most holy work. Second—A systematic government, made conformable to the present demands of the social and moral condition of the immediate communities in which such Schools are located, so as to overcome the superstition and prevailing irreligious practices requiring such a corrective. Third—The using such measures and books as will draw out the mind, and produce in the children a lively interest in this Heaven-sent institution, that will burn with an enthusiasm not to be quenched short of seeing their neglected fellow-children brought where we first learned the name, work and mission of the glorious Son of God—and where, too, we all learn how "the wise men of the East gave to Him their gold, their frankincense and their myrrh."

2. Their improvement is no less necessary than their growth. The language of Divine inspiration is, that "experience teaches knowledge," and "as iron sharpeneth iron," so should we learn lessons of improvement on the past; for "what was written aforetime was written for our learning." It is a wise maxim: "without application it is impossible to become eminent." So, should those engaged in this hallowed work apply themselves with assiduity, for the perpetually increasing an unconquerable progress in the knowledge of the word of God, and in the interest of Divine grace. Nor should they content themselves with present attainments of knowledge, nor condition of their Schools; but press the work to a unity of feeling and faith as it is in Christ our Lord, and until all opposition is subdued to the love of Christ. The cultivation of fraternal regard for all engaged in the same work; the frequently conferring with each other as to those methods and means that the Lord hath most signally blessed in their Schools is indispensable to the improvement of our Sunday School and cause. It is no less important that those having charge of said Schools should exercise parental affection and kindness for their pupils, so as to beget in them a love for the Sabbath and its devotions. If the great Apostle of the Gentiles, with all his wisdom and knowledge, continued to wait upon the Lord for the renewal of his spiritual strength, and in the meantime studied His word to make him strong in the Lord and in the power of His might to build up, strengthen and improve the Churches, then we who are in charge of the very material with which the Churches of the present generation are to be built, should realize our responsibility, and exemplify him in this our work of love.

3. The means to be employed: As means in connection with this subject most appropriately implies instrumentalities, then we will arrange the order: First—The Gospel Ministry. On these devolve the whole work of expounding the word of God to every creature—warning every man in all wisdom, that the entire race of man may be presented perfect before the Lord. The Church and all her friends are under their control in proportion as they have used their office of bishops properly before the Lord. And thus they should still continue to oversee the training of the *little ones*. Second—The Deacons, being more directly in their midst, and identified with their social and spiritual education, should enlist their influence and personal interest for their salvation from error, superstition and vice, as well as for their deliverance from the wrath of God. They should lead these little ones to the fountain of living waters, and thus continue to purchase for themselves a great degree of boldness in the faith. Third—The Church membership—the light of the world and the salt of the earth—should as an army marshal themselves for the work and march forth to victory, not having a feeble one in all their flocks.

4. Parents and guardians are imperatively required "to train up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." What a glorious reward, and even heart-touching consolation in old age to see these "olive plants" and "polished stones" rise up and call their benefactors blessed!

5. Even these "babes, out of whose mouths God is now perfecting praise,' are in clarion strains sounding their notes of invitation, "come and go with us and we will do thee good." For we can truthfully testify, our first dawn-

ings were in this Bible-blessed enterprise, and from its thresholds, with our latest breath we hope to mount above the skies, where

1 "Around the Throne of God in Heaven,
Thousands of children stand;
Children, whose sins are all forgiven,
A holy, happy band.

2 What brought them to that world above,
That Heaven so bright and fair,
Where all is peace and joy and love?
How came those children there?

3 Because the Saviour shed his blood
To wash away their sins;
Bathed in that pure and precious flood,
Behold them white and clean!

4 On earth they sought their Saviour's grace;
On earth they loved his name;
So now they see His blessed face,
And stand before the Lamb."

6. As the Church requires different grades of workers to concentrate their energies "to the perfecting of that which every joint supplieth," so the Sunday School requires the harmonious co-operation of the foregoing instrumentalities to consummate its highest aim: the glory of God in the salvation of our children. Indeed, this demand is founded in common sense, and "common sense and God are never at variance."

7. And yet, perhaps a more judicious means cannot be urged, than the use of a committee consisting of the Pastor, Deacons, Sunday School Superintendent, with five or more of the most pious and prudent members, embracing males and females, whose duty shall be the appointment of such teachers and such only as are faithful and able to teach others; who shall evince Christian character and doctrinal knowledge to a reasonable extent.

8. And as a last means—the combined wisdom of our Sunday Schools in annual Conventions adopting such measures as the emergencies arising among us demand.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

HOW CAN THE WORK OF MISSIONS AND THAT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS BEST SUSTAIN EACH OTHER?

The object of Missions is so identified with the Sunday School work, that the success of the former opens the way for and ought to secure the success of the latter. The success of our Sabbath Schools even in the most favored sections, is dependent to a very great extent upon the hearty co-operation of the Ministry. If this be true in highly favored sections, of course the destitute we expect to be somewhat indifferent upon the general subject of religious instruction, and the only means of reaching them, organizing Sunday Schools with them, and keeping those Sunday Schools alive is by the continued exertions of their Ministry, which is in most cases the Missionary. In order to do this, it is not necessary in every case to send out Ministers to labor exclusively in the Sabbath School interest. But every traveling Minister should feel it to be an important part of his duty, and they should be so instructed by the Board sending them out as to make it their duty to look after and advocate the cause of Sunday Schools at every Church and Mission Station in their respective fields of labor. This they can do without detracting from or adding much to their regular labors, by recounting the blessings of God upon Churches having well-conducted Sabbath

Schools, treating upon the subject of early conversions, and the best means of securing the salvation and usefulness of the rising generation. In the course of their sermons to let some of their arguments run in a channel that will have a bearing upon the Sunday School work, and they will find that their congregations are not only interested, but benefitted. Occasionally we may find in a destitute Church or at a Mission Station a Sunday School in progress, but almost invariably will it be the case that they are struggling for existence, and are only kept alive by the efforts of a few members, or as it is often by a few self-sacrificing, praying sisters. How lamentable that the Missionary, the only Minister that they are permitted to hear at all, should visit them, preach for them, and take the parting hand without offering a word of encouragement to that work that is so near to their hearts, and of so much importance to the great cause of truth.

The anxious inquiry of our minds to-day is, *how can we extend the Sunday School interest so as to reach those destitute Churches and sections?*

In answer to this inquiry, we are fully of the opinion that it can be done through our Missionaries as effectually as in any other way, and at the same time with very little, if any, additional expense.

In this way such efforts will not only be for the success and extension of the Sunday School cause, but on the other hand, the great object of our Missionary work, the very object for which they are toiling and praying, will be much more speedily accomplished.

In this way our Missionaries will not only be working themselves, but will be opening fields of usefulness to many of our lay members, both male and female, who desire to do something for the Master.

In this way our destitute Churches, for which we are annually soliciting contributions in order to supply them with the living Ministry, will soon become self-sustaining, have a Ministry of their own, and not only so, but become liberal contributors themselves to the cause of Missions.

In this way our present system of giving, which it is to be feared is oftener from impulse than principle, may be changed into the New Testament plan of systematic benevolence, and our Mission work have a much surer foundation to rest upon.

Another consideration is worthy of a thought, *i. e.*, all that is necessary for the success of our Baptist cause, especially with young and unbiased minds, is to teach them faithfully the Word of God.

The blessings that have attended our efforts, especially for the past few years are truly gratifying, and should stimulate us to increased zeal. And with the hearty co-operation of all our Missionaries in this work, those destitute sections to which we are now looking will soon become fruitful gardens—the moral desert will rejoice and blossom as the rose. "And instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree, and it shall be to the Lord for a name for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

Then, as the Lord hath said, "Peace shall be upon Israel."

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. DICKSON.

WHAT FUTURE BENEFIT SHOULD WE EXPECT FROM CORRECT STATISTICAL REPORTS OR HISTORY OF THE PRESENT CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL?

The importance of placing in permanent and enduring form our progress in religion and Biblical literature cannot be overrated. We, to-day, live and act the material, which experience abundantly proves, will in less than a century be eagerly sought after by the historian, biographer and statistician, and which, if preserved, will show to our children's children the excellence of our plans, and propriety of our efforts to the glory of God and advancement of His cause, or else expose our errors, and thus show unto our descendants "a more excellent way."

The Cape Fear Association was formed in 1805, within the memory of many persons yet living, yet, for want of proper care in the preservation of her earliest records, the salutary lesson of the faithful perseverance and untiring zeal of her pioneers is lost, in many instances to this and all future generations.

Man is an imitative being, disposed to do as he sees others do; at the same time he is an aspiring being, manifesting his characteristic difference from all the rest of the animal creation, by laboring to improve on the works of others. In this, notwithstanding the fact that the glorious image was marred and defaced by the fall, we can trace a resemblance to man's divine origin. Take these facts in connection with the deep and unfeigned piety of many of our not very remote ancestors, and the necessity of keeping a minute account of men and things as we go along, is obvious without a question.

In the last session of the Baptist State Convention, at Wilmington, an enquiry was made concerning the earliest Sunday Schools in North Carolina, when it was ascertained that George Lennon superintended a small Sabbath School at Cross Roads Church, in Columbus county, in 1811. What an instructive and encouraging lesson to the Sunday School workers of this day, and especially so to the immediate descendants of both Superintendent, teachers and students of that little School, who, amid persecutions and discouragements, with no library but their Bibles, seeing the necessity and importance of Biblical learning, united to impart the same to each other. This information was furnished the Convention by one who was an eye-witness, and perhaps participant in the School; though at our present rate of doing things, two or three more decades will consign to oblivion the existence of the School, and perhaps even the name of the Superintendent.

What Minister or Christian among us but what desires and delights to imitate the bright examples of David Thames and Frances L. Haynes, or to be made the instrument in many conversions, like William Ayres? These holy desires and aspirations are kept alive by the records and statistics before us, and these illustrious names still shine with undiminished effulgence, and have been, no doubt, instrumental in imparting light and zeal to the benighted hearts of many mourners in Zion. In fine, the benefits to be derived from correct reports—statistical and otherwise—of our Church and Sabbath School efforts are incalculable. The good which they accomplish, eternity alone will disclose. The inspired writers of the New Testament thought proper to place on imperishable record the sayings and doings of our Saviour and His primitive followers the number added to the Church in one day, and the decision of the Association at Jerusalem.

Seeing, then, the benefit to be derived therefrom, let us regard it as an important branch of the service, and entrust it to wise and judicious brethren.

Respectfully submitted, D. K. BENNETT.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM AND AMENDMENTS.

1. The Executive Committee of Sunday School Board of Cape Fear Association shall regularly organize themselves by the election of Chairman and Secretary, who shall continue in office during the pleasure of said Committee.

2. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of said Committee, and shall have the minutes present at every meeting during his term of service; and shall be responsible for all papers and documents committed to his custody.

3. The said Executive Committee shall hold regular quarterly meetings, and shall investigate all reports or other matter sent up by the several Sunday School Institutes and subordinate Sunday Schools, in a duly authorized manner; also, official reports of Agencies employed by any department of Sunday School labor in connection with or under the direction of the Sunday School Convention of the Cape Fear Baptist Association.

I—SUBORDINATE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

1. Let each subordinate Sunday School assemble and disperse at its own specified hours.

2. Each School be recommended to observe a systematic order of business, viz: First—Vocal music. Second—Roll call, each pupil responding to his or her name by repeating a verse of Scripture. Third—Scripture read by the Superintendent, the whole School following in concert. Fourth—Vocal music. Fifth—Prayer by Superintendent or by some person, at his request. Sixth—Uniform lessons, as set forth in *Kind Words*, or such lessons as the patrons and officers of the School shall adopt, together with the recitation of smaller classes, singing and benediction.

3. Each School shall elect annually the following officers, viz: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, Musical Director and Teachers, who shall continue in office until others are elected.

4. The Officers and Teachers of each subordinate School shall guard their School against all outside influences that may be attempted under any plea whatever.

5. That the Officers and Teachers of each subordinate School shall consider themselves workers with the people of God in training disciples for Christ.

6. That the Superintendent raise by monthly contributions, or otherwise, from the patrons, friends and pupils, such sums of money as they may be willing to donate, for the following purposes, viz: printing minutes of Annual Sunday School Convention, employment of Missionaries to preach to neighborhoods and Churches destitute of Sunday Schools, and for the purchase of all necessary books for the use of their School.

7. The Secretary shall in addition to the duties devolving on him in direct connection with the School, report quarterly to the Sunday School Institute with which it may be, or is allied, giving a full statement of the condition of the School; and shall also certify the names of the delegates appointed to said Sunday School Institute. The Secretary shall, in his last annual report to the Sunday School Institute, certify the names of the delegates appointed to the Annual Cape Fear Baptist Sunday School Convention.

8. That if any Officer or Teacher shall be guilty of any gross immorality, upon satisfactory proof thereof before a Council of five persons, chosen by the School from among themselves, he or she shall be rendered ineligible to office, and the School with officers and teachers shall proceed to fill the office.

II—SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTES.

1. That Sunday School Institutes should be governed by a well regulated decorum. We do hereby resolve that under Article 4th of the Constitution to form ourselves into a Sunday School Institute, to be known by the name of....., embracing the following Sunday Schools, viz: .....

2. That this Sunday School Institute shall annually elect the following officers, viz: General Superintendent, General Secretary, General Treasurer, General Librarian, and General Music and Normal Teacher who shall continue in office until others are elected.

3. That we hold quarterly meetings on the following Sundays and days before, viz: ....., and that our meetings perambulate with the several Schools composing our body

That each School shall be entitled to a representation of seven (two officers and five pupils) members of its body, producing the certificate from the Secretary of their School of their appointment.

The Secretary of this Institute shall within fifteen days after the last quarterly meeting immediately preceding the Annual Convention, make out a digest of the State of each subordinate Sunday School, giving the statistics required by the State Sunday School Convention, together with the names of the delegates from each School, as reported in their annual communication to this Institute, and forward one copy to the Executive Committee of the Sunday School Board.

6. That this Institute correspond with all adjacent Sunday School Institutes. That we will labor to perfect in the most simplified form a plan of operations the best adapted to our peculiar localities and customs, and transmit a copy to each

Institute embraced in the Cape Fear Baptist Association Sunday School Convention for their consideration; also a copy to the Executive Committee of the Sunday School Board of the Association.

ANNUAL REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Your Committee would most respectfully report that we have kept a vigilant watch over this enterprise during the entire year, and feel devoutly grateful to our Heavenly Father for the steady progress the cause has made.

The work has been greatly facilitated by associating a small number of Schools, located convenient to each other, into Institutes, which meet quarterly for mutually comparing notes and suggesting plans of improvement for the local Schools connected therewith.

In the meantime our attention has been called to the necessity of aiding this department by preparing a system of operations for the consideration of your body; and, if found practicable, for your adoption. We would, for the present, insist on changing the Constitution so as to equalize the representation of officers and pupils in the annual sessions of this body.

The publishing of the Minutes of our annual sessions cannot be too strongly insisted on, and we hope you will institute measures for that special purpose.

We would most urgently insist on sending a practical business Missionary into every part of the Association to visit the Sunday Schools; and if practicable, to co-operate with the Mission Board of Cape Fear Association and thus familiarize the Schools and Churches with our most holy work of love to God and man.

Respectfully submitted,

HAYNES LENNON,
Chm'n Ex. Com.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	Enrolled.	Teachers.	Average.	No. Volumes.	No. S. S. Papers.	Funds Used.	Minute Fund.	NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
Antioch,	52	8	40				$ 2 00	J. C. Meares,	J. W. Taylor, W. L. Pitman, A. Mercer, Geo. Warwick.
Ashpole,	100	4	75	120		$ 13 16	2 50	S. W. Smith,	S. W. Smith, G. B. Mitchell, Troy Bullock.
Back Swamp,	91	11	60	8	12		1 50	J. D. Clark,	J. A. Thompson, S. M. Gunn, A. S. Thompson, W. F. Howell, A.
Bear Swamp,	70		40	160		15 00		E. McIver Page,	A. B. Page. [Townsend.
Benevolence,	50		35				1 50	D. E. Brown,	J. H. Henry, Jas. Brown, J. W. Robinson, Buck Brown.
Black Branch,	35	4	16				50	J. C. Lennon,	Thos. Arnold, J. Ashley, M. Stephens, J. R. Burchett.
Carolina Academy,	27	12	26	150	18	10 00	1 50	T. Grainger,	Levi Grainger, V. B. Grainger.
Cross Roads, (Lennon's)	45	6	25	45	10		1 00	J. Lennon,	J. Lennon, F. Lennon, E. M. Lennon, H. Powers, D. A. Singletary.
Cross Roads, (Coleman's)	29	6	22	80				M. Hammonds,	J. A. Hinson, Mrs. S. M. Hammond.
Cross Roads Bible Class,							2 50	Rev. H. Lennon,	Colin McLean.
Flemington,	40		30			26 65		L. P. Shackelford,	J. W. Dickson, E. Evans, E. Penny, C. Penny, A. Evans, K. Dickson.
Hog Swamp,	85	12						S. E. Britt,	S. A. Edmonds, N. Cox, L. Britt. [Pope.
Long Branch,	75	10	52	75		4 80	1 00	Z. Carter,	Z. Carter, E. M. Ivey, J. M. Pope, C. Ivey, E. M. Thompson, E. J.
Lumberton,	82	12	60			2 00	3 00	W. H. Ellis,	J. F. McMillan, Simeon Carlisle, S. E. Ward, S. Carlisle, E. God-
Pleasant Hill, (Columbus)									[win, M. E. Barnes.
Pleasant Hill, (Bladen)									
Pleasant Plains,	54	11	30	155	10	3 90		J. W. Harrelson,	J. J. Long, W. A. Hill, M. M. Willians, C. E. Long, J. C. Gore, D.
Piney Forest,	60		40	150		10 00	2 50	W. C. Powell,	J. C. Powell, Mollie Yates, Ida Powell. [Williams.
Pine Forest,							1 00		
Porter Swamp	64	5	45	100		20 00	2 00	J. C. Carroll,	L. C. Powell, J. W. Coleman, D. F. Godwin, S. A. McKolsky.
Spring Branch,								A. Waller,	Narcie Grainger, Ellie Harrell.
Spring Hill, (Bladen)	26	5	24					C. W. Williams,	G. M. Lennon, J. W. Callihan, C. W. Williams.
Spring Hill, (Robeson)	45	8	25		10		2 00	B. Williams,	B. O. Williams, Orea Williams.
Western Prong,	35	6	26	160	10	11 60		E. W. Wooten,	R. M. McRackan, R. Powell, J. Hobbs, L. Powell, M. McRackan.
Whiteville,	56	11	30	130	30	20 00	2 50	R. S. Richardson,	S. J. Rockwell, R. M. Baldwin, Mollie Edwards, A. Smith.
Mt. Zion,	50		25					—— Jones,	W. A. Rockwell, J. L. Memory, Hattie Harrell, A. Campbell.
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PROCEEDINGS.

ASHPOLE, ROBESON CO., N. C.,
FRIDAY, Sept. 8th, 1876.

According to adjournment the Convention met at 11 A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. N. Rowland Pittman, from Proverbs, chap. 15, verse 32.

After recess, the Convention was called to order by Vice-President, J. C. Carroll.

The Secretary being absent,

On motion, Elder D. C. McMillan was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

Elder A. R. Pittman led in prayer.

A list of the Sabbath Schools composing the Convention was then called, and a quorum being present, the Convention was declared ready for business.

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year:

J. F. Harrell, M. D., President; Levi Grainger, Vice-President; Elder D. C. McMillan, Secretary; Elder A. R. Pittman, Assistant Secretary; and Ira Lennon, Treasurer.

On motion, an invitation was given to Sabbath Schools wishing to join our body, whereupon, the Big Branch and the Hilburn Sabbath Schools came forward with Letters and Delegates, and were unanimously received and invited to seats.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

On motion, Committees were requested to report, when Elder A. R. Pittman read an essay on "Punctuality,"

which was adopted, and ordered to be appended to the minutes.

An essay was then read by J. C. Carroll, Esq., on "How best to interest our Sunday Schools on International Lessons and Religious Literature."

After remarks from Elders A. R. Pittman, D. C. McMillan, Rev. N. Rowland Pittman, J. D. Clark, and Brethren Joseph Thompson, Wesley Smith, Ira Lennon and Levi Grainger, the report was adopted and ordered to be appended to the minutes.

It was ordered that there should be preaching to-night, and to-morrow at 12 M.

On motion, adjourned till 9½ A. M., to-morrow.

Prayer, Rev. N. Rowland Pittman leading.

SATURDAY, Sept. 9th, 1876.

Vice-President Levi Grainger read 1st Psalm, when the Choir sang "Blest be the tie that binds," &c., and Elder A. R. Pittman led in prayer.

J. F. Harrell, M. D., then took the Chair.

A report was then read by the President from the Columbus S. S. Institute, and a digest of the same was ordered by the Convention to be affixed to the minutes.

On motion, the following Committee was appointed on Public Exercises, viz: Elder A. R. Pittman, Levi Grainger, J. C. Carroll, J. F. Harrell and S. E. Ward.

On motion, an Educational Committee, consisting of Elder Haynes Lennon, and Brethren J. C. Powell, L. T. Carroll and J. F. Carroll, is appointed to memoralize the Cape Fear Baptist Association concerning the practicability of establishing a Preparatory and Literary School of high grade at some accessible point within its borders.

On motion, the Raft Swamp Sunday School was admitted a member of our body, and the delegates were invited to seats.

By voice of the delegates present, Western Prong, Columbus County, N. C., was chosen as the next place of our sitting, and,

On motion, Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in September is the time selected.

On motion, Elder J. W. Dickson be requested to preach the Anniversary Sermon; Rev. C. L. Powell, alternate; Col. T. S. Memory, the Annual Address; Elder Haynes Lennon, alternate.

"Happy Day" was then sung by the Choir, and the Convention took a recess for preaching.

SATURDAY, 12½ o'clock P. M.

President Harrell called the Convention to order.

Rev. J. D. Clark read Psalm xl.

"People of the living God," &c., was sung, and Rev. J. D. Clark led in prayer.

A communication was read from Elder Haynes Lennon, on "the Conversion of Children," and after remarks by Elder A. R. Pittman, Rev. A. McA. Pittman, Brethren J. C. Carroll, Levi Grainger and President Harrell,

On motion, the thanks of the Convention were tendered Bro. Lennon, and he be requested through our Secretary for a copy for publication in the *Biblical Recorder*.

By order, the following Committee was appointed to draw up suitable resolutions on the decease of Bro. W. A. Memory, our former Secretary, viz: J. C. Carroll, J. F. Harrell, N. Rowland Pittman and Misses Ella Williams and A. R. Lennon.

On motion, the following questions were then taken up, no person being allowed to speak longer than ten minutes on a

question, to be observed as a general rule by our Subordinate Schools :

Question 1. Should a professing superintendent as a general rule allow his school to adjourn in disorder, or without benediction, simply because he is a layman ?

Answer. No. (unanimously.)

Question 2. Should any person who is not on the school roll feel free to exercise control or the privilege of vote in the school, simply because their name is on the church roll ?

Answer. No.

Question 3. Should a teacher, although kind and popular, be discontinued for persisting in the habit of intoxication or any other gross immorality ?

Answer. Yes.

Question 4 Should any child be abandoned by school or teachers as incorrigible ?

Answer. No.

Question 4. Should superintendents countenance long and irrelevant prayers and speeches among the little people ?

Answer. No,

Question 6. Should systematic contributions or stated collections, however small, be encouraged as pressaging the missionary practice as well as the faith and spirit ?

Answer. Yes.

On motion, Elder Haynes Lennon and J. C. Carroll were added to the Executive Committee for the transaction of bus iness.

On motion, the thanks of the Convention are due to W. C. Powell, Esq., and the former officers.

On motion, the thanks of this Convention are due the Sabbath School and citizens of Ashpole for their good behaviour and hospitality during our sitting.

On motion, all Unfinished Business was left to the Executive Committee.

Resolved, That we recommend to all the subordinate schools that no one be admitted as teacher who is not a member of the church in good standing, except in cases of necessity, and then he or she should not be selected unless of good moral character.

Singing then by the Columbus Choir, "Sweet bye and bye."
Prayer, Elder A. R. Pittman leading.

SABBATH MORNING, Sept. 10th, 1876.

The Convention was called to order by President Harrell who read 1st King, chapter 8th, verses 22-31 inclusive, and led in prayer.

The Choir then sang "Home over there."

The newly elected officers were then duly installed, and T. B. Newberry led in prayer, invoking Divine blessings upon them in their elective duties.

Brethren Levi Grainger and J. C. Carroll then made remarks concerning the duty of giving to the Lord's treasury, when the Choir sang "From Greenland's icy mountains," and a collection amounting to $3.25 was taken up.

Short speeches were then made by J. F. Harrell, M. D., and J. C. Carroll, Esq., suitable to the little folks, when "Over the beautiful river" was sung, and the

Convention adjourned to the time and place specified.

J. F. HARRELL, PRESIDENT.

ELDER D. C. MCMILLAN, *Secretary.*

APPENDICES.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PUNCTUALITY IN SABBATH SCHOOL WORK.

The importance of punctuality is apparent to any and every intelligent mind, which observes the various avocations and business transactions of life. The laborer who repeatedly fails to come to his appointed task is soon out of employment. The merchant who repeatedly disappoints his customers by failing to be at his appointed place of business will soon fail to meet them when he goes himself. The lawyer who neglects the cases of his clients will soon have no business in Court. The physician who does not answer promptly the calls of his patients will soon have all the rest he wants. The preacher of the gospel failing to meet his appointments will soon fail to meet a congregation when he does attend. The superintendent of the Sabbath School repeatedly failing to attend his classes in charge, will soon see his school in a languishing condition. The teacher neglecting his or her post will soon find the class diminishing, interest in the lessons waning, and coldness generally abounding. The student who is remiss in punctuality generally recites a bad lesson, has but little interest in the Sabbath School work, is loved by but few of the faithful and is generally unhappy. Such scholars are, like the drone in the bee-hive, useless and unprofitable members. Punctuality is highly important also on the part of the patrons in furnishing the means, on which the success of the Sabbath School in a great measure depends. It is not unfrequently the case that the progress of the school is much retarded for the want of books, periodicals reward tickets and prizes. By furnishing all these requisites and doing so at the right time, schools are often kept strong and flourishing that would otherwise become extinct. A prompt attendance on the part of parents and guardians is also of the utmost importance in making the Sabbath School work a grand success. All parts of its machinery must work in harmony, superintendents, teachers, students and patrons. Let each be at his post discharging his duties faithfully and promptly. This will beget confidence in all, and that confidence will draw out the energies and intellectual powers of all concerned, and when thus interested and actively engaged the Sabbath School work will be a power in the land, an instrumentality for good that will make the powers of darkness wane before its onward, triumphant march to happiness, to glory and to God.

Respectfully, A. R. PITTMAN.

SPECIAL CHANGES.

Your Committee on Special Changes have reason to hope for a more practical demonstration of devotion to their children's cause by the church membership. Our Convention mourns irreparable loss by the death of the late Secretary, Bro. W. A. Memory. Like other great and rising men, he "sought the Lord early," and among many strong traits of character he was temperate, and cherished ever a fond regard for his mother and sisters as well as for the little ones. As he has already been eulogized fraternally by the I. O. G. T., his church, and his Sunday school at Whiteville, we will only refer to his parting counsel, "If I had not found God in the forgiveness of sin, His will might not have been mine now; I go in peace."

J. C. CARROLL,
N. R. PITTMAN,
J. F. HARRELL,
MISS ELLA WILLIAMS,
MISS ANN R. LENNON.

HOW CAN WE BEST INTEREST OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN INTERNATIONAL LESSONS AND RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

It must be acknowledged by every earnest lover, and devoted worker in the Sunday School cause, that the object of the Sunday School is to train the mind of the learner in the Divine life; to bring those who are taught therein to Christ. The wisdom that should be imparted in the Sunday School is that which maketh wise unto salvation, and in order that those who teach therein, shall be qualified to impart such, they must be the possessors of it themselves. This wisdom is derived from God, in the study of His word, therefore the Bible should be the text-book for the Sunday School, which should be studied carefully, prayerfully and understandingly by every teacher, so that they might be enabled to instruct their class aright in the truth of God's eternal word. With the aid of help they will be enabled more effectually to do this.

The Bible Lessons in *Kind Words* afford much aid in the study of the Bible. Then in order to make the Lessons in *Kind Words* more interesting in the Sunday Schools, let every school be advised by this body to subscribe for as many copies of the paper as may be necessary, so that every school may be supplied with the Lessons. Urge the importance of every Superintendent enjoining upon the teachers, and Bible readers at their respective schools, to study well the lessons in *Kind Words*, so that they may be enabled to impart and understand them. Let the teachers of the Infant Classes, (or those unable to read) give instructions in the lessons prepared for them, so that all the schools in the bounds of the Cape Fear Sunday School Convention may have the same lesson on the same day. Let

the Superintendents and Teachers of every school feel the great importance of the work in which they are engaged, that upon them rest a mighty responsibility, that they have immortal souls under their charge, whose eternal destiny depend much upon the instruction received in the Sunday School.

Let the Bible be the book from which to teach, from which to learn, that in the Bible Lessons in *Kind Words* they will find much aid in teaching, and learning the Word of God, then all will become interested in the Lessons in *Kind Words* and feel that they are indispensable.

Respectfully submitted, J. C. CARROLL.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee express regret that their meetings have been irregularly attended. The Board can also wish for a more hearty sanction of the work of the Convention from the ministry as well as the laymen, who should consider their attendance no sacrifice but a reasonable service. The present officers will continue until their successors are installed and all schools, whether at a log house, court house or church, are requested to send direct to the next Convention their authentic letter and delegates with minute fund. Hoping, however, that no delegate will be chosen unless they are expected to attend, as such cold formality would perish us out.

The Board will in due time appoint from the most active membership suitable persons to lead discussion on the following fundamental departments and their promotion among the Subordinate Schools:

1st. Superintendence, Officers and Offices.

2nd. Teachers and Teaching, including Sunday School Music.

3rd. Books and Periodicals.

4th. Average Attendance or Punctuality.

5th. Systematic Plan of Support.

On the Minute Fund only $16.60 was obtained, and the following friends and schools have more recently contributed: Col. H. B. Short, $3; K. Haynes, Esq., $1; Maj. L. D. Gore, 50 cents.

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Antioch							$	$	No report.
Ashpole	S. A. Thompson	34	6	25				2 00	Rev. N. Rowland Pittman, F. O. E. Pittman, C A. Inman
Bear Swamp									No report
Benevolence	Buck Brown	39		32					[peth, Edgnora McPhater, Amanda Lawson.
Big Branch	J. F. Ward	140	6						W. H Barnes, Kinchen Barnes, Daniel McPhater, Henry Nye, Ippy Hedge-
Back Swamp	Jacob A. Thompson	75		52				1 00	Jacob A. Thompson, W. F. Howell, J. D. Clarke, Robt. Inman, C. B.
Black Branch	J. C. Lennon		2		60		2 50	50	A. R. Lennon, T. M. Ashley [Thompson.
Cross Roads (Lennon's)	Ira Lennon	60	6	48	60		3 00	1 00	Ira Lennon, E. M. Lennon, Haynes Powers. J. E. Kelly, D. A. Singletary,
Cross Roads (Coleman's)									No report
Cross Roads Bible Class	Haynes Lennon			20				1 10	[A. J. Freeman, Mrs. H. J. Lennon.
Dog Wood Hill	A. Smith	42		30					Eld. Haynes Lennon, A. F. Freeman, A Kelly, J. M. Frink. Colin McLean,
Flemington									Columbus S. S. Institute Mission..[Misses F. V. Lennon, M. E. Stephens.
Hilburn	Snowden Hester	19		11			1 25		No report
Hog Swamp	S. E. Britt	120	11	70	131		22 90		Snowden Hester, H. F. Hilburn, S. H. Hilburn..[ta Britt, Cattie Edmunds.
Long Branch	Zach. Carter	130		90	140	34	20 00		S. E. Britt, N. Cox, Neill Freeman, S. T. Freeman, E. J. Britt, Misses Let-
					100	12		2 00	J S. Thompson, Cynihia Ivey, J. S. Stone, J. L Britt, Charity Carter,
Lumberton	Joseph A. Thompson	80	12						Henrietta Stone, Sabra Rice
									J. A. Thompson, Ira L. Pope, W. S. Wishart, B L. Crump, W. H. Edwards,
Pleasant Hill (Columbus)	J. A. Oquin	40	9	35	100				S. E. Ward, Mollie Jones, Pennie J Lewis, Jennie O. Berry, Flora
Pleasant Hill (Bladen)									Institute [M'Diamond, Ella Bullard.
New Hope	R. G. Butler	50	8	28	60				
Pleasant Plains	C. C. Gore	72	10	18	118		3 00	1 00	Columbus S. S Institute [tha E. Best, W. A. Harrelson.
Piney Forest	Luke I. Yates	88	7	60	100	20	8 45	1 00	J. B. Harrelson, Dorcas Williams, Dr. J. F. Harrell, A. J. Williams, Mar-
Pine Forest									John C. Powell, N. C. Yates, E. H. Nance; C. D. Frink, Misses J. V. Pow-
Porter Swamp	J. C. Carroll	60	8	40			5 00	1 00	Not represented[ell. Bettie Yates, Mollie D. Yates.
									L. C. Powell, W. B. Smith, P. T. Godwin, J. S, Coleman, Sister Sallie Car-
Raft Swamp	John Biggs								roll, Lenora Powell, and M A. Mears
Spring Branch	Elisha Coleman	37	4	30	75	17		1 50	Jno. Tyner, Wm. Carlisle, Hardy Parnell
									Levi Granger, A. R. Waller, B. F. Bufkins, Wm. P. Ensor, S. P. Anderson,
Spring Hill (Bladen)	Duncan McLean	35	3					1 00	C. F. Hammond, A. M. Grainger
Spring Hill (Robeson)	Bright Williams	43	5	30	50	10		25	T. J. Freeman, N. A. McLean, J. D. Callihan, J. M. Frink, F. M. Lennon
Western Prong	R. M. McRackan	42	10	30	140		4 00		B. P. Williams, K. Page, Sallie Williams, Ora Williams, Ellen Williams..
Whiteville	R. S. Richardson	45	12	35	125		10 00		Columbus S. S. Institute
Mt. Zion (unrepresented)									Columbus S. S. Institute
									Institute Mission

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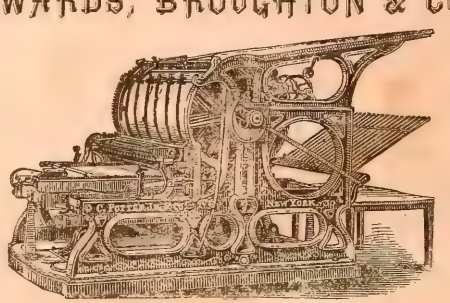

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PROCEEDINGS.

WESTERN PRONG, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C., }
FRIDAY, Sept. 7th, 1877. }

According to adjournment the Convention met at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Religious services by Rev. E. W. WOOTEN. Prayer by Bro. T. K. WIGGINS.

President J. F. HARRELL in the Chair.

The roll of Schools were called, a quorum responding.

On motion, an invitation was extended to newly constituted Schools, whereupon Oak Dale and Sand Hill Sunday Schools made application and were admitted to membership.

The President announced the following committees:

On Finance.—Ira Lennon, A. M. Porter and T. K. Wiggins.

On Digest of Letters and Printing.—C. C. Gore, John Powell and Buck Brown.

On Public Exercises.—John Powell, E. W Wooten and Elisha Hooks.

On Constitution.—H. Thompson, A. J. White, Wm. Tyler, J. E. Campbell, C. D. Frink, W. A. McLane and F. O. E. Pittman.

On General Education.—Levi Granger and J. Powell.

Reports were called for, and the one on subject No. 1, as required by last year's proceedings was read, received, and ordered appended to the minutes.

A letter was read from the Bladen Sunday School Institute, received, and delegates welcomed.

Recess for twenty minutes.

President HARRELL in the chair. The letters from Pleasant Hill (Bladen county), and Lennon's X Roads Bible Class, were read, and delegates enrolled.

The Chair announced a committee to receive Bro. LEACH and the chapter of Orphans from the Asylum at Oxford,

viz: E. W. Wooten, C. C. Gore, G. W. Meadows, Lucy Powell, S. V. Gore and Cora Wiggins.

On motion, adjourned till 9½ A. M., to-morrow. Praise and benediction by Rev. E. W. Wooten.

Saturday, Sept. 8th, 1877.

President Harrell in the chair. Religious services by Rev. E. W. Wooten. Praise and prayer, W. L. Tart leading.

Roll of officers called; President and Vice-President only responding.

Roll of Schools was called; the letters were in from four Schools, read, and delegates enrolled.

On motion, delegates from Flemington were received without a letter. S. J. Chancey made a verbal statement of the condition of said School; it was cheering.

F. Lennon, Jr., was added to the Committee on Constitution.

Rev. E. W. Wooten was added to the Committee on Printing.

The following committees were announced:

On Orphan Asylum.—T. S. Memory, Miss Rebecca Parker and Rev. L. T. Carroll.

On Special Changes.—J. C. Carroll, Daniel Meares, Delpha Hester and Rev. E. W. Wooten.

On motion the vote of yesterday that ordered the report on subject No. 1 appended to the minutes was reconsidered, and report referred to the Committee on Printing, with instructions to publish so much of said report as, in their judgment, would be of benefit to the Sunday School cause.

The report on average attendance and punctuality was read and referred to the committee on Printing.

The letter from Porter Swamp Sunday School was read, and delegates enrolled.

Committee on Constitution reported a resolution relative to election and installation of officers, which, on motion, was adopted and ordered appended.

The Superintendent of the Columbus Sunday School Institute was called upon and made a very flattering report of the working of that organization.

By special invitation of LEVI GRANGER, the next session of the Convention was located with the church at Spring Branch, Horry county, S. C., to commence Friday before the 2d Sunday in September, 1878.

Recess of half hour.

Met according to adjournment. President HARRELL in the chair.

The subject of general education came up and Rev. J. W. DIXON made practicable and impressive remarks on the subject.

At this point the Convention was agreeably interrupted by the entrance of the committee, accompanied by Brother LEACH and the chapter of Orphans. Bro. LEACH was introduced by Rev. E. W. WOOTEN, after which he gave an interesting account of the foundation of the institution and its progress and success, and then gave an entertainment of interesting exercises by the children; after which a collection was taken, amounting to $8.00, for the benefit of said institution.

Bro. LEACH then made some impressive remarks on general education.

The Convention resumed business.

The Finance Committee reported progress.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported the order for to-morrow.

The committee reported on Periodicals. Report received and referred to the committee on Printing.

The committee on nominations reported, recommending Dr. HARRELL for President; LEVI GRANGER, Vice-President; J. C. CARROLL, Secretary; and C. D. FRINK, Treasurer

On motion, the Convention set aside the recommendations and agreed to elect without nomination by ballot, which resulted in the election of J. F. HARRELL, President; LEVI GRANGER, Vice-President; J. C. CARROLL, Secretary, and C. D. FRINK, Treasurer.

Rev. J. W. DIXON and E. W. WOOTEN were added to the Executive Committee.

On motion, Rev. L. T. CARROLL was appointed to preach the Annual Sermon; Rev. H. LENNON, Alternate.

On motion, many thanks were tendered the community for the manner in which it entertained the Convention.

On motion, all unfinished business was referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion, J. W. ELLIS was appointed to deliver the Annual Address; T. S. MEMORY, alternate.

Adjourned to time and place.

J. F. HARRELL, PRESIDENT.

C. C. GORE, *Secretary pro. tem.*

SABBATH MORNING.

SEPTEMBER 9th, 1877.

Singing by the choir, after which the newly elected officers were installed. L. T. CARROLL lead in prayer, invoking divine blessing upon them in their responsible duties.

Rev. J. W. DICKSON then preached the Annual Sermon, from Deut. 31:12, to a large and attentive congregation, showing plainly to all the importance of the Sunday School work and the great responsibility which rests upon each and every one as to how they engage in the grand cause.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Schools.	Superintendents.	Enrolled.	Teachers.	Average.	No. Vols.	S S Papers.	Funds Used.	Minute Fund.	Delegates.
Antioch,.....	F. J. Meares,..	77	..	37	...	..	$...	$...	Winfield Parker, J W Taylor, G Warwick, J A Barker, W S Pittman, C A Moody, K Q Pittman.
Ashpole,.....	S A Thompson	40	5	..	...	..	..	1 60	F O E Pittman, A J Floyd.
Back Swamp,.	F. L. Nance,..	80	8	50	...	..	....	.....	C B Thompson, L N Gunn.
X Rds (Lenons)	Ira Lennon,...	30	4	20	30	..	....	75	Ira Lennon, F Lennon, Jr.. Haynes Powers, M M Porter, Dan'l Hester.
X Rds Bible Cl.	Rev H Lennon,	25	..	15	...	..	...	1 00	H Lennon, C W Williams, A F Freeman, C M McLane, J Frink.
X Rds (Colm'ns	.....	..	..	..	...	..	...	25	No Report.
Flemington,...	.....	40	..	30	...	...	....	..	B F Williams, S J. Chancey.
Hilburn,.....	.....	..	..	..	...	..	....	....	No Report.
Hog Swamp,..	.....	..	..	..	...	..	...	....	No Report.
Long Branch,.	.....	..	..	...	...	..	....	...	No Report.
Lumberton,...	.....	..	..	..	...	..	...	2 00	No Report.
*Pleasant Hill,	.....	..	...	..	...	..	....	....	No Report.
†Pleasant Hill,	J H Thompson	34	..	..	...	..	....	25	J H Thompson, Sr., J H Thompson, Jr., W J Ward, D E. Singletary, Ganah Wilson, M E Singletary, M A Ward.
Porter Swamp,	J. C. Carroll, .	60	6	35	...	..	....	1 00	L T Carroll, P T Godwin D V Coleman, J F Bullard, M H Godwin.
Pleasant Plains	J W Harrelson,	..	13	25	136	..	6 00	1 00	G W Hill, Sr, J B Harrelson, A J Williams, C C Gore.
Piney Forest,.	L. I. Yates,...	80	8	40	112	..	....	....	John Powell, W C Yates, Enos Nance, C D Frink, Mollie Yates, Jennie Frink, J Wiggs, Mollie Shaw.
Spring Branch,	L. Granger,...	57	4	40	...	15	5 00	1 50	Wm Tyler, M J Granger, Sallie Granger, Marinda Tyler.
New Hope,...	R. G. Butler,..	..	..	..	...	..	.....	50	J H Sommerset, R G Butler, A J White.
Spring Hill,...	B. Williams,..	49	5	..	75	10	..	60	R L Page, P B Williams, T Williams, W L Powell, Sallie Williams, Pennie Williams, Ora Williams.
Oak Dale,.....	A. B. Colyer,.	60	4	33	...	..	....	1 00	A B Colyer, E M Lennon, A H Porter, C B Williams, Wm Thompson, A F Lennon, L A Williams.

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Galeed,.....	C W Williams,	34	6	25	...	..	...	50	N A McLean, J D Callihan, C M McLean, F P Callihan, F M Lennon, J A S McLean, D F Davis.
Western Prong	J. C. Powell,..	87	16	65	100	..	...	....	J C Powell, T K Wiggins, Buck Brown, Fanny Brown, Rosa Fair, Catharine Hooks.
Whiteville, ...	A. F. Powell,.	50	..	40	...	..	15 50	...	Fannie Memory, Sallie Howell, Ella Harrell, J L Memory, I E Kelly, Henry Wyche, Dr J F Harrell.
Mt. Zion,..	E. J. Russ,....	51	5	..	100	..	1 50	....	O Lennon, E J Russ, F P Lennon, A. S. Campbell, M. Shippman.

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OF THE

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Bap. Sunday School Convention,

HELD AT

Spring Branch Church, Horry Co., S. C.,

Sept. 6th, 7th and 8th, 1878.

The next Session of this Convention will meet with Spring Hill Church, Robeson County, N. C., commencing Friday before the Second Sabbath in September, 1879.

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PROCEEDINGS.

SPRING BRANCH, HORRY COUNTY, S. C.,
Friday, September 6, 1878.

Convention met according to adjournment at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Religious services conducted by Bro. J. M. Conerly. After singing the hymn "Am I a soldier of the Cross," he proceeded to read the 12th chapter of Ecclesiastes, from which he made some very appropriate remarks, urging upon all the great importance of the Sunday School work, in training the young in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, after which prayer was offered, J. C. Carroll leading.

Recess 10 minutes.

President J. F. Harrell in the chair.

Roll of officers called, all responding. Roll of Schools called, a quorum answering.

The letters from the schools represented called for and read, and the names of delegates enrolled.

The President announced the following Committees:

On Finance--O. B. Granger, A. F. Freeman and F. D. Page.

On Digest of Letters and Printing—Henry Wyche, N. D. Johnson, J. M. Conerly and J. C. Carroll.

On Public Exercises—D. R. Anderson, H. Enyor, Levi Granger and S. W. Tyler.

On Constitution—H. Wyche, Levi Granger, F. Wooten and J. C. Carroll.

On Obituaries—J. R. Carroll, M. N. Libbett, Jno. D. Hooks and Berry Page.

On Orphan Asylum—Jno. Ayres, Miss Ora Williams, Miss Sallie Granger, and D. E. Singletary.

On Education—Levi Granger, Rev. S. Ivey, N. D. Johnson and W. J. Ward.

On motion, an invitation was extended to newly consti-

tuted schools; whereupon a letter was received from Bear Swamp Sunday School, requesting admission.

On motion, said school was unanimously received and delegates invited to participate in the deliberations of the body.

On motion, the minutes of the last session of the Convention were read.

On motion, adjourned till 9½ A. M., to-morrow. Prayer by J. C. Carroll; benediction by J. M. Conerly.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9½ A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, President Harrell in the Chair.

Religious exercises conducted by Bro. W. J. Ward.

On motion, roll of Schools called.

Proceedings of yesterday called for and read and adopted.

New Schools called for. A letter from Benevolence read. On motion, it was received and delegates enrolled.

The letter from Western Prong called for and read.

Report read from Bladen Sunday School Institute. It was cheering.

Report read from Columbus Sunday School Institute, Reported progress.

A letter from Pleasant Grove Sunday School was read, asking admission in this body. On motion, the School was unanimously received and delegates enrolled.

Letter from Ashpole Sunday School read. Delegates enrolled.

Music by the choir: "There is a fountain filled with blood."

Brethren Rev. S. Ivey, from the Ashpole High School, and N. D. Johnson, from Whiteville, are present and invited to participate in the deliberations of the Convention.

By invitation, Rev. S. Ivey made a short but warm and impressive speech.

Music by the choir. Recess 10 minutes.

Afternoon Session.

President Harrell in the Chair.

A letter from Hickory Grove Sunday School was read, requesting admission. On motion, said School was received, and delegates welcomed to seats with us.

The committee on Public Exercises reported as follows:

Mass Meeting to-morrow morning at 9½.
Annual Address by Bro. N. D. Johnson.
Annual Sermon by Laban T. Carroll, at 11 o'clock.

Report adopted.

Report on General Education read, upon which Rev. S. Ivey and Bro. N. D. Johnson made warm and earnest speeches, showing the great importance of education. Remarks also made by Brethren Harrell, Granger and others.

On motion, the report was unanimously adopted.

Report on Constitution read and adopted.

Report on Orphan Asylum read and adopted.

Committee on Obituaries, reported one death.

The Convention proceeded to the election of officers for the next term, which resulted in electing Rev. S. Ivey President, J. C. Carroll Vice-President, Henry Wyche Secretary, M. H. Goodwin Treasurer.

On motion, Brethren Levi Granger and A. F. Freeman were added to the officers of Convention, constituting the Executive Committee.

Report on Finance read and adopted. On motion the report on Finance was reconsidered with an amendment that each school add fifty cents more to the minute fund.

On motion, Rev. A. R. Pittman was appointed to preach the next Annual Sermon; Rev. W. J. R. Ford, alternate.

Bro. N. D. Johnson to deliver the Annual Address; Dr. J. F. Harrell, alternate.

On motion, all unfinished business to be referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion the Convention adjourned to meet with the Sunday School at Spring Hill, Robeson county, N. C., on Friday before the 2d Sabbath in September, 1879.

Prayer by Bro. Conerly; Benediction by Rev. S. Ivey.

S. IVEY, PRESIDENT.

HENRY WYCHE, *Secretary.*

SUNDAY.

Convention assembled in Mass Meeting Sabbath morning at 9½ o'clock. Services conducted by Rev. S. Ivey; singing by the choir, hymn "Children of the Heavenly King." Prayer, Bro. Conerly leading.

Annual Address by Bro. N. D. Johnson. Addresses also by Brethren H. Wyche and T. Ivey, after which a collection was taken up amounting to $2.63. Hymn, "Come thou Fount of every blessing." Benediction by Rev. S. Ivey.

Recess 15 minutes.

After which the Annual Sermon was preached by L. T. Carroll, from 1 Cor. i: 26, showing the high calling of the Sunday School work, and the importance of all engaging in the grand cause.

Prayer in the opening service by Elder S. Ivey, in the closing by Bro. Conerly.

Benediction by Rev. S. Ivey.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Schools.	Superintendents.	Enrolled.	Teachers.	Average.	No. Vols.	S. S. Papers.	Funds Used.	Minute Fund.	Delegates.
Antioch,... ..	....	..	..	..	...	..	$...	$...	Not represented.
Ashpole,.....	Rev. S. Ivey,..	60	..	30	...	..	.....	1 40	Rev. S. Ivey, M. J. Willoughby.
Back Swamp,..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	Not represented.
Bear Swamp,..	E. S. Ayers,..	57	5	..	...	29	10 88	50	J. M. Conerly, J. A. Ayers, M. D. Baker, W. M. Shaw.
Benevolence,..	B. Brown,...	53	..	35	70	..	2 50	25	J. W. Brown.
X Rds(Col'm's)	W Hammond,	37	5	35	70	..	2 50	1 00	Elisha Coleman, F. D. Page, Henry Coleman, M. V. Coleman, L. B. Coleman, M. E. Lancaster.
X Rds(Lenons)	.....	..	..	..	..	..	...	....	Not represented.
X Rds(Bible Cl	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	....	Not represented.
Flemington,...	... .	..	..	..	...	..	.....	..	Not represented.
Galeed,.....	D. Callihan,...	35	5	30	...	..	...	50	J. L. Kelly, A. F. Freeman.
Hickory Grove	F Davis,.....	42	..	..	...	..	...	25	J. D. Singletary, E. S. Lewis, L. P. Singletary.
Hilburn,.. ...	....	..	..	..	...	..	.....	...	Not represented.
Hog Swamp,..	.....	..	..	..	...	..	.....	...	Not represented.
Long Branch,..	... .	..	..	..	...	..	...	....	Not represented.
Lumberton,...	... .	..	..	..	...	...	...	....	Not represented.
Mt. Zion,.....	.....	..	..	..	...	..	.....	....	Not represented.
New Hope,....	.....	..	..	..	...	..	.....	....	Not represented.
Oak Dale,.....	H. B. Colyer,..	46	..	30	...	..	...	50	B. F. Hester.
Piney Forest,.	W. H. Vann,..	55	6	35	125	20	...	75	C. D. Frink, W. H. Godwin, S. F. Gore, A. J. Frink, Alva Greene.
Pleas. Grove,..	M. H. Stevens,	93	4	60	72	..	....	1 15	Berry Page, R. D. Williams, Ornetta Rowland.
†Pleasant Hill,	J.H.Thompson	32	..	15	...	..	....	40	W. J. Ward, D. E. Singletary.
‡Pleasant Hill,	....	..	...	..	...	..	...	...	Not represented.
Pleas. Plains,.	J.W.Harrelson	65	..	35	150	..	...	1 00	J. F. Harrell.

STATISTICAL TABLE---Continued.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Enrolled.	Teachers.	Average.	No. Vols.	S. S. Papers.	Funds Used.	Minute Fund.	DELEGATES.
Porter Swamp,	J. C. Carroll,	60	4	30	...	..	4 00	$ 60	J. R. Carroll, Daniel Coleman, R. C. Carroll, Sallie A. Carroll, May Hammonds, J. D. Hooks, V. E. Bullock.
Spring Branch,	Levi Granger,	46	4	25	104	12	6 70	2 00	Monroe Enyor, B. H. Buffkin, D. R. Anderson, Sallie Granger, Lorenda Tyler.
Spring Hill,..,	B. Williams,...	45	5	25	65	10	...	1 00	R. L. Page, P. B. Williams, T. Williams, S. L. Williams, Pennie Williams, Ora Williams.
Western Pr'ng,	M. N. Sibbett,	60	..	35	50	10	6 00	1 00	M. N. Sibbett, F. T. Wooten, William Thompson, Maggie Sibbett.
Whiteville,....	A. F. Powell,.	70	..	45	110	..	13 45	1 00	N. D Johnson, Henry Wyche, Hattie Harrell.

N. D. Johnson $1.00 for Minute Fund.

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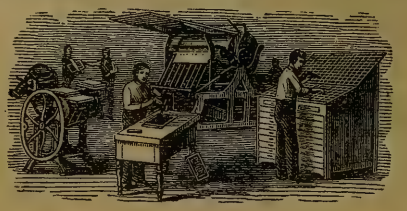

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MINUTES

OF THE

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION,

HELD WITH THE

ASHPOLE BAPTIST CHURCH,

Robeson County, N. C.,

September 9th, 10th and 11th, 1881.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Convention met at two o'clock p. m. President Elder S. Ivey in the chair, who read the 5th chapter of Romans, after which hymn 738 was sung. Prayer was offered, Rev. W. W. Willis leading.

The roll of the schools was called; only four were represented, as the day was very rainy.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet on to-morrow at ten o'clock, a. m.

SATURDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.

The Convention met at 10 o'clock a. m. Elder S. Ivey in the chair.

The 103d Psalm was read by the President, 848 hymn was sung. Prayer was offered, Rev. R. M. Hilburn leading.

On motion, S. A. Thompson was elected Secretary, *pro. tem.*

The roll of schools was called and the following handed in their letters:

Ashpole, Piney Forest, Griffin's X Roads, Porter Swamp, Bahama Hill, Oakdale, Big Branch, Pleasant Hill, Whiteville, and Pleasant Plains.

S. E. Ward gave a verbal report of the condition of the Lumberton Sunday School.

Thomas Martin, J. A. Campbell and Rev. W. J. Ward were appointed a committee on Finance.

The deacons of the Ashpole church were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises.

An invitation was extended to all Sunday School workers; when Elder A. R. Pittman, of the Cedar Creek Association, came forward and was welcomed to a seat.

On motion, the following committees were appointed:

On the best method of conducting Sunday Schools—W. J. Ward, C. D. Frink and I. H. Porter.

On Periodicals—Willis Pittman, D. V. Coleman and Rev. W. W. Willis.

The Convention adjourned until 1½ o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by the President.

Report on Periodicals received, read and adopted.

The committee on the best method of conducting Sunday Schools reported. The report was read and discussed by Rev. W. W. Willis, D. C. McMillan and C. D. Frink, afterwards adopted.

On motion, the next session of the Convention was located at Piney Forest, Columbus county, to begin Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1882.

On motion, the officers were elected by acclamation for the next year, viz:

President, Elder S. Ivey; Vice President, W. J Ward; Secretary, S. A. Thompson; Treasurer, I. H. Porter; Historian and Corresponding Secretary, Dr. J. F. Harrell.

On motion, J. P. Pittman and H. B. Collier were appointed Executive Committee with the officers.

On motion, Elder J. W. Dickson was appointed to preach the annual sermon.

Livingstone Johnson was appointed to deliver the annual address.

The committee on Religious Exercises report preaching to-night by Rev. W. J. Ward, to morrow by Rev. W. W. Willis, and a Sunday School Mass Meeting to-morrow at nine and a-half o'clock.

Ordered, That as many copies of the minutes be printed as the funds in hand will justify, and they be distributed as the President and Secretary may think best.

On motion, the Convention returned thanks to the citizens of the Ashpole neighborhood for their liberal support of the Convention.

Finance committee report $5.35 on hand.

All unfinished business referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion, adjourned until the next time and place for the meeting of the Convention.

S. IVEY, PRESIDENT.

S. A. THOMPSON, *Secretary.*

SUNDAY.

The Convention assembled in Mass Meeting at nine and a-half o'clock a. m.

13th chapter of first Corinthians was read by the President. 853d hymn was sung. Prayer, Elder S. Ivey leading.

Speeches were made by Dr. J. F. Harrell and Rev. D. C. McMillan.

Rev. W.W.Willis preached the annual sermon. Collection $2.76.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Schools.	Superinten'ts.	Delegates.	No. enrolled.	No. of Teachers	Av. attendance.	No. Volumes.	S. S. papers.	Minute Fund.
Ashpole,.....	C. A. Inmon,....	Misses Etta Inmon, Ora Legette, J. M. Ashley,.....	44	6	30	.....	25	$ 1 00
Bear Swamp,.....	E. S. Ayres,.....	.....	.....	5	40	.....	20	.....
Bahama Hill,.....	Thos. Martin,...	Willis Pittman, Misses M. J. Martin, Maggie Pittman,.....	70	...	30	.....	...	.....
Big Branch,.....	J. F. Ward,.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....
Galeed,.....	J. G. Freeman,.	A. A. McLean, S. Hilburn,..	40	5	30	.....	...	60
Oakdale,.....	A. H. Porter,...	A. H. Porter, Geo Caines,.....	64	5	33	.....	9	1 00
Piney Forest,.....	L. I. Yates,.. ...	C. D. Frink,.....	70	6	50	120	...	1 00
Porter Swamp,.....	J. C. Carroll,.....	M. H. Godwin, D. V. Coleman,....	60	5	30	.....	...	.....
Pleasant Hill,.....	H. Harrelson,...	J. A. Campbell,.....	73	5	.....	.....	...	25
Pleasant Plains,..	W. J. Hill,.....	J. C. Gore, J. F. Harrell,.....	75	13	35	100	...	1 00
Griffin's X Roads,	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	1 00
Whiteville,.....	A. L. Powell,....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	1 00
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